

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Thursday, June 11, 2015

7:00 P.M.

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session at its regularly scheduled meeting time on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at the hour of 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall at 508 E. Fourth Street, Huntingburg, Indiana. Members Blackgrove, McPherron, Kissling, Summers and Lehr were present. Also present were Mayor Spinner and City Attorney Schneider.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Summers and carried to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2015 meeting.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Kissling and carried to approve the claims as presented.

Mayor Spinner stated that the next order of business was to consider an ordinance regarding the lease financing of certain improvements and the purchase of a fire truck by the Huntingburg Redevelopment Authority. Attorney Schneider explained that the Council had previously authorized the creation of the Huntingburg Redevelopment Authority for the lease financing of certain improvements to the 1st Street Police Station, the 11th Street Fire Station, and the purchase of a fire truck for the Redevelopment Commission (the "Projects"). He explained that the Redevelopment Commission has authorized the transfer of the real estate to be renovated and improved to the Redevelopment Authority in exchange for their agreement to issue Economic Redevelopment Lease Rental Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$3,055,000 to apply to the costs of the Projects, and thereafter to lease back to the Redevelopment Commission the Projects pursuant to a lease agreement for a term not to exceed twenty-five years. He produced a copy of the proposed lease agreement and explained that it provided for semi-annual lease rentals in an amount sufficient to pay the debt service on the proposed bonds, plus trustee fees, taxes, and insurance. He explained that the lease rentals would be paid from the Tax Increment revenue from the Northwest Industrial Economic Development Area and the Industrial Park West Economic Development Area. To the extent the Tax Increment revenue is not sufficient, the Lease provides that the City will pledge payment from its share of Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT). Upon payment of the bonds, ownership of the Projects will revert to the Redevelopment Commission.

Mr. Schneider then presented a form of an ordinance approving the proposed lease, approving the issuance of Economic Development Lease Rental Bonds by the Redevelopment Authority, and pledging the EDIT Revenues for payment of the Lease if the Tax Increment is not sufficient.

After discussion, a motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Blackgrove, and unanimously carried to introduce and number Ordinance No. 2015-22 entitled:

**ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA, APPROVING A LEASE BETWEEN
THE HUNTINGBURG REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND APPROVING THE
ISSUANCE OF LEASE RENTAL BONDS BY THE
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND OTHER MATTERS
RELATED THERETO**

Thereafter a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Lehr, and unanimously carried to suspend the rules and consider passage of Ordinance No. 2015-22 on the same date and at the same meeting as the introduction thereof.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Blackgrove and unanimously carried to pass Ordinance No. 2015-22 without further amendment.

Upon roll call for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2015-22, the vote being 5 ayes and 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2015-22 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:10 P.M.

The Mayor presented a proposed resolution recognizing internet safety week. He noted the U.S. Congress has designated June as National Internet Safety Month. The resolution proclaims the week of June 14 through June 20 as "Internet Safety Week 2015".

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Summers and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2015-23 entitled:

INTERNET SAFETY WEEK

Rachel Steckler, Director of Community Development, presented two pieces of promotional material promoting the City of Huntingburg. The materials were put together by the Indiana Municipal Power Agency. The City received 200 of each at IMPAs expense.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler asked permission to seek quotes on a mini excavator proposed to be split 4 ways (Electric, Gas, Wastewater and Street Departments). He noted the current mini excavator is being used 90% by the Water Department and other departments are having to rent machines. The current machine is owned by 5 departments (Electric, Water, Gas, Wastewater and Street). The Water Department is looking at purchasing a new mini-excavator on their own.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Summers and carried to authorize Reutepohler to solicit quotes for a mini-excavator as noted above.

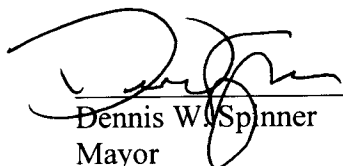
Attorney Schneider presented an update of the Wastewater refunding bonds approved at the last meeting. He noted "bank qualification" details have been worked out resulting in higher savings than originally determined. The purchaser of the Bonds, German American Bancorp, requires the bonds to be "bank qualified".

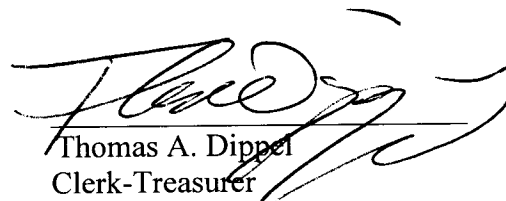
The Mayor reminded the Council of the meeting to be held at City Hall at 5:30 P.M. on June 15, 2015 with the Department of Homeland Security to talk about the proposed Street Department project and also the meeting at Old Town Hall on June 17, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. to reveal the conceptual plans for the proposed Market Park and the 4th Street Trail areas.

Attorney Schneider reported that the underwriter went to market with the Series A and B TIF bonds to determine the pricing and our consultants feel we have very good pricing. He noted that it looks like the City will be entering into a bond purchase agreement with Hilliard Lyons tomorrow to complete the sale.

Planning Director Lake presented an update of the police station project noting that cleaning and mold remediation at the temporary station are nearly complete and he anticipates the police being in the temporary station by July 1, 2015. Floor plans are being reviewed for the new station renovation.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 o'clock P.M.


Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer